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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER)

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR SECRETARY'S STOP IN LONDON

REF: SECTO 186 (ROME 9326)

1. THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 8 VISIT TO LONDON IS TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE AND CORDIAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAVE MARKED US-UK OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS SINCE MARCH OF THIS YEAR. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH WITH THE SECRETARY THE MOSCOW SUMMIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS.
2. THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE FIVE MEETINGS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PARTY POLITICAL LEADERS AS NOTED BELOW.

- A) 1100 THIS SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. THE BRITISH CONSIDER THIS MEETING EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND HAVE CAREFULLY PREPARED FOR IT. IT WILL NOT BE RIGIDLY STRUCTURED. OBJECTIVE IS TO REVIEW MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS PETRO-DOLLARS, ENERGY SHARING. MR. CALLAGHAN WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SERIOUS UK BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION. BRITISH DO

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NOT ENVISAGE A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION BUT

RATHER A BROAD RANGING EXCHANGE IN WHICH
THEY HOPE TO HEAR SECRETARY'S GENERAL VIEWS
AND HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ISSUES. THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND
FULLY WITH THEIR OWN GENERAL THINKING.

B) 1200 THE FIRST TOPIC OF THIS MEETING THE FOREIGN
OFFICE ENTITLES "THE FALLOUT FROM MOSCOW".
THEY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE SECRETARY'S
AMPLIFYING HIS BRIEFING OF THE NAC JULY 4,
TREATING IN PARTICULAR SALT, THE THRESHOLD
AGREEMENT, CSCE. BRITISH ANTICIPATE THAT
THE DISCUSSION OF THE SUMMIT WILL BE THE
MAJOR ITEM AT THE 1200 MEETING, BUT THEY
WOULD LIKE ALSO TO COVER NON-PROLIFERATION
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DISCUSS THE IMPLI-
CATIONS OF THE INDIAN TEST.

C) 1300 THE LUNCHEON OFFERED BY MR. CALLAGHAN IS
DESCRIBED AS A WORKING LUNCH BUT NO SPECI-
FIC TOPICS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED
BY THE BRITISH SIDE. RATHER, CONVERSATION
IS EXPECTED TO BE GENERAL AND A CONTINUA-
TION OF THE 1200 MEETING

D) 1500 BRITISH EXPECT THAT, SUBJECT TO WISHES OF
THE TWO PRINCIPALS, IT WILL BE DESIRABLE
TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AFTER LUNCH. THEY
WILL HOPE AT THAT TIME TO TURN TO THE
MIDDLE EAST. IF THERE IS TIME, BRITISH

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WILL WISH TO ASK THE SECRETARY ABOUT HIS VISIT TO SPAIN, AND WILL POSSIBLY REVIEW THEIR THINKING ABOUT PORTUGAL AND INQUIRE ABOUT OUR OWN POLICY ASSESSMENTS OF PORTUGAL. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE BRITISH WILL HAVE ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO OFFER ABOUT THEIR DEFENSE REVIEW AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT WITH THE SECRETARY.

E) 1600 THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS NOT INFORMED THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR TOPICS MR. WILSON MAY HAVE IN MIND. IT IS TO BE ASSUMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD APPRECIATE A GENERAL EVALUATION OF THE MOSCOW SUMMIT, AND HE MAY ASK THE SECRETARY ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

F) 1730 THIS CALL BY MR. THORPE IS STILL TENTATIVE PENDING THE SECRETARY'S CONFIRMATION OF THE TIME. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT MR. THORPE HAS ANYTHING SPECIAL TO RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY BUT HE TOO WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING A BRIEF ESTIMATE FROM THE SECRETARY ABOUT THE MOSCOW MEETINGS.

G) 1830 MR. HEATH'S CALL WILL ALSO BE IN THE NATURE OF A RESUMPTION OF CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS ANY PARTICU-

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